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MONTHLY REPORT

MARCH 1948

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**

**Subject: ORE Status Report: March 1948**

**I. The CIA Intelligence Plan.**

A copy of the intelligence production program for the next quarter is attached as Annex "A."

**II. Intelligence Production.**

**1. Current Intelligence.**

In addition to the Daily and Weekly Summaries, one report of the CIA Series and five Special Evaluations were published. A list of the topics covered in the Weekly Summary is appended as Annex "B." A review of the list indicates that the Western Europe and Far East/Pacific Branches carried the heaviest burden in the production of Current Intelligence for the Weekly Summary. These two branches have led in this category consistently in recent months.

A review of the items in the Daily Summary indicates that the Western Europe and Eastern Europe/USSR Branches carried the heaviest burden in the production of Current Intelligence for that publication.

**2. Basic Intelligence.**

Replies received from the majority of the IAC agencies to date indicate general approval of the total ~~WIE~~ program. Full implementation, however, will require realignment of effort for basic intelligence production and augmentation of the IAC agencies' productive capabilities. The IAC agencies are currently examining their capabilities for the production of Basic Intelligence to determine what measures will be necessary to fulfill the recommended program.

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**3. Staff Intelligence.**

During March four Special Estimates of the ORE Series and one Situation Report were published. A list of the scheduled reports and estimates published or in process during March is attached as Annex "C" showing the status of each paper. A list of those unscheduled reports prepared during the month is attached as Annex "D."

**4. Intelligence Presentations.**

During March six presentations, twenty-three interrogations, and nine briefings were conducted. The presentations and interrogations were attended by eighty-one representatives from the Department of State, thirty-five from the Navy, twenty-seven from the Army, and eight from the Air Force. This is a substantial increase in activity over February. A list of oral and graphic presentations, interrogations, and briefings is attached as Annex "E."

**5. Scientific Intelligence.**

The survey of Soviet chemical literature begun during February is in the final stages of preparation. A summary of the work completed by the Scientific Branch on the Russian Air Study was transmitted to the Research and Development Board. It has been decided that any study or group of studies of this kind should result in a regular ORE report rather than a joint CIA-RDB effort.

**6. Map Intelligence.**

During March the Map Branch completed seventy-four new maps and six map intelligence reports. This represents a substantial increase over February. A resume of Map Branch activities is attached as Annex "F."

**III. Intelligence Requirements.**

1. During the month requirements for intelligence and intelligence information were submitted in the regular manner. A resume of requests submitted to OCD is attached as Annex "G." An examination of these requests shows that slightly less than 25% of the 514

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specific requests were for collection of new information in the field. The remainder were for the collection of intelligence materials, usually documents, available in Washington.

#### IV. Adequacy of Intelligence Information and Intelligence.

##### 1. Reporting from the Field.

###### a. Cable Traffic.

During March the Department of State continued to supply nearly 90% of the cables upon which most Current Intelligence is based. The Army contributed approximately 10% of the cables received, and the Navy and Office of Special Operations also contributed small quantities. The cables from the IAC agencies continued to be received less than 24 hours after arrival in Washington, while SO reports based on cables continued to lag behind.

###### b. Field Reports.

During March the Department of State supplied the largest volume of written reports from all areas and the Army was the second largest supplier.

###### c. Total Volume of Intelligence Information.

During March the total volume of intelligence documents and cables received by the regional branches was as follows:

Western Europe . . . . .	7,622
Eastern Europe/USSR. . . . .	5,636
Latin America. . . . .	4,376
Northern . . . . .	4,266
Near East/Africa. . . . .	3,742
Far East/Pacific. . . . .	3,021

The quantity of intelligence material received was somewhat higher than during February although the Western Europe, Eastern Europe/USSR, and Latin American Branches continued to receive

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a larger amount than the other branches. This suggests that these branches carry a substantially greater burden than the others in processing the intelligence material received.

d. Appraisal.

There continues to be little relation between the volume of intelligence material received, the adequacy of the information received, and the importance of the area. The adequacy of the information and the extent of coverage continues to be somewhat below the desired quality in all areas, although the Northern and Western Europe areas appear to be covered the best.

2. Intelligence Coverage by CIA.

During March an interdepartmental re-appraisal of Soviet intentions was begun under CIA chairmanship as a result of a request from the Director of the Intelligence Division of the Army. In conjunction with this re-appraisal, two papers have already been published, and a number of interdepartmental subcommittees are engaged in a detailed study of the advantages and disadvantages that would accrue to the USSR as a result of military occupation of Western Europe and part of the Near East by the USSR. It is believed that such a coordinated study constitutes a more efficient use of the experts of the IAC agencies who are concerned with various aspects of the problem.

3. Intelligence Coverage by Other IAC Agencies.

From the material available to ORE, there appears to have been no important change during March in the adequacy of the intelligence coverage by the other IAC agencies. In general, the quality and quantity of coverage continue to depend more upon the flow of information than upon the importance of the subjects treated.

V. Efforts to Facilitate Intelligence Research and Production.

1. Coordination and Liaison.

Liaison between the various regional desks in ORE and the Contact Branch of the Office of Operations has been particularly

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effective during March. This close liaison has made it possible in many cases for the regional desks to submit intelligence information requirements to OCD in the light of an adequate knowledge of the capabilities of the source from which the desired information was to be obtained. This results in a better directed requirement and a more efficient response to ORE's needs for specific intelligence information.

**2. Relations with Other IAC Agencies.**

**a. Dissents and Concurrences.**

Only two dissents to ORE estimates were recorded during March. These were from the Department of State on ORE 9-48, Cuban Political Trends, and from the Navy on ORE 6-48, Consequences of Communist Accession to Power in Italy by Legal Means. The dissent by State appears to have been largely unnecessary. The Army still failed to meet deadlines in the coordination of papers, although there was some improvement in this regard.

**b. Working-Level Liaison.**

Normal working-level liaison was maintained during March with all the IAC agencies.

**c. Evaluation of Industrial Card File.**

On 4 March 1948 this office advised the IAC agencies that a sufficient amount of progress had been made by the Reference Center, CIA, in applying machine record techniques to the Industrial Card File so that the evaluation process could proceed at any time. Previous meetings with the IAC agencies resulted in the concurrence that the evaluation process should be conducted on an interdepartmental basis. Reports to this office indicated that the Intelligence Division, GSUSA, had arranged for the recall of 43 officers to active duty for a 90-day period to participate in this program. As a result of a meeting between representatives of CIA and the IAC agencies the following conclusions were reached:

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- a. That the task force including ID, A-2, ONI, and CIA representatives would limit initial effort to evaluation of eight major industrial categories.
- b. That consideration would be given to the Satellite areas of the USSR only in respect of plant dismantlings, and that the Industrial Card File program would not be broadened at this time to include further consideration of the Satellite areas.
- c. That the CIA Reference Center would furnish complete machine record support for the project.
- d. That new data derived as a result of the evaluation process would be incorporated into the Reference Center holdings by participating agencies.
- e. CIA support to the evaluation effort would be advisory and consultative.
- f. That some time after this effort has been under way representatives of the agencies concerned would convene to prepare a plan for continuance of the evaluation procedure on a long-range basis.

**3. Developments with Reference to the Board on Geographic Names.**

- a. Based upon CIA approval of a plan to apply machine record techniques to the processed foreign geographic names of the Board on Geographic Names action has been taken by BGN to give the status of "Official Standard Names" to such gazetteers provided that in each instance the names have been processed in accordance with approved Board policies and principles. The results of this action will provide CIA and the IAC agencies with information not presently available as to the extent of previous Board action in the processing of foreign geographic names and will further result in greater efficiency and economies to all agencies in meeting the costs of new name research.

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Reports and Estimates

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**SECRET****ANNEX "B"****CURRENT INTELLIGENCE REPORTED DURING MARCH 1948****WEEKLY SUMMARY**

Listed below in chronological order under regional headings are the Articles and Trends in Brief which appeared in the Weekly Summary during March 1948. Articles are marked with an asterisk.

**General**

	*Transportation Aspects of the European Recovery Plan USSR desire to prevent CIO and TUC withdrawal from WFTU	5 Mar
25X6	Progress toward western European union	5 Mar
	Proposal that Moscow serve as central clearing house for Eastern European trade	5 Mar
	Possibility of discussion in Security Council of Italian application for UN membership	12 Mar
	USSR may use Rome WFTU meeting	12 Mar
	*Soviet Efforts to buy US Lend-Lease Ships	12 Mar
	Proposed consolidation of western European airlines	19 Mar
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	*Prospects for the Committee for European Cooperation Agreement US-UK and French Zones Germany	26 Mar
25X6	Rift in parties widened at meeting of COMISCO	26 Mar
	US-UK-French proposal to return Trieste to Italy	26 Mar
	Soviet-Yugoslav reaction to proposal on Trieste	26 Mar

**Western Europe**

25X6		5 Mar
25X6		5 Mar
	French Government price reduction program	5 Mar
	Decline of Communist influence in Belgium	5 Mar
	Franco's continued desire to avoid political change	5 Mar
	Sweden's desire for strict neutrality	5 Mar
	Public condemnation of Norwegian Communist Party	5 Mar
	USSR and Satellites' overtures before Italian elections	5 Mar

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**French Force Ouvriere**

Schuman majority strengthened by vote on tax policy  
 Spanish Communist leaders in southern France  
 London Conference decision to permit western German participation in European recovery program

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US-UK consideration of reduction German coal exports  
 Berlin's Peoples Congress  
 Forty-eight hour warning strike by French coal miners  
 Danger of Communist action in Italy  
 Netherlands exhausting last dollar resources  
 Swiss firm toward Soviet demands in trade negotiations  
 Western European Union  
 Soviet walkout from Berlin Allied Control Council  
 Communist plans for "German Unity" referendum  
 Shortages basic foods threaten Ruhr coal production  
 French assembly adjourns until 20 April

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**Eastern Europe**

Confidential protocols in Soviet-Rumanian pact  
 \*Soviet Exploitation of Czechoslovak Airline  
 Soviet methods in Finland  
 Soviet jamming of Voice of America broadcasts  
 Soviet strong stand in Palestine partition plan  
 Normal Soviet troop movements  
 Soviet worker morale  
 Finland to attempt to prolong negotiations in Moscow  
 Intensification of military activity in southern Yugoslavia and Albania  
 Large-scale guerrilla action in Greece

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*The Palestine Crisis	5 Mar
Greek National Assembly to recess for three months	5 Mar
Afghanistan to exchange ambassadors with Pakistan	5 Mar
Security Council action on Palestine prior to 15 May	12 Mar
Communist plans for Greece	12 Mar
New Soviet ambassador to Turkey	12 Mar
Arab and Jewish reaction to trusteeship in Palestine	26 Mar
Indian leaders increasingly disillusioned with USSR	26 Mar

Far East

25X6	[redacted]	5 Mar
	Proclamation of Provisional Government for Korea expected	5 Mar
	The new Siamese Cabinet	5 Mar
	Growing political influence of Philippine guerrilla veterans	5 Mar
	*Current Military Situation in China	12 Mar
	Nationalist China financial situation	12 Mar
	Burma's separatist movements	12 Mar
25X6	[redacted]	12 Mar
	Prestige of Indonesian Republic strengthened	12 Mar
	Opposition in Philippine Congress	12 Mar
25X6	[redacted]	19 Mar
	Possible French request for mediation Vietnamese deadlock	19 Mar
	Serious labor unrest expected in Philippines	19 Mar
25X6	[redacted]	19 Mar
	*Issues in Forthcoming Political negotiations in Indonesia	26 Mar
	*Imminent Financial Crisis in Nationalist China	26 Mar
	Reorganization of Chinese Nationalist Government	26 Mar
	USSR apparently selected mid-April to act in South Korea	26 Mar
	Redistribution of former Japanese-owned land in South Korea	26 Mar
	Prestige of Government of Burma declined	26 Mar

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Western Hemisphere

Anglo-Argentine trade agreement	5 Mar
Retaliatory Guatemalan move against UK at Belize	5 Mar
Possibility serious civil conflict in Costa Rica	5 Mar
Possible compromise in Antarctica claims	12 Mar
*Prospects for Strengthening Inter-American System at Bogota Conference	19 Mar
Civil disorder and violence in Costa Rica	19 Mar
Plans for Inter-American cooperation in petroleum	19 Mar
Argentine refusal to participate in ITO	26 Mar

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ANNEX "C"

STAFF INTELLIGENCE SCHEDULED DURING MARCH

A. Reports Published During Month

CIA 3-48	Review of the World Situation as it Relates to the Security of the United States
ORE 6-48	Consequences of Communist Accession to Power in Italy by Legal Means
ORE 9-48	Cuban Political Trends
ORE 14-48	Prospects for International Air Transport
ORE 15-48	Current Situation in Korea
SR 26	Panama

B. In Reproduction

ORE 10-48	Consequences of Certain Courses of US Action in Greece	
ORE 11-48	Possible Developments Resulting from the Granting of Amnesty to Accused Collaborators in the Philippines	
ORE 18-48	25X6	Soviet Military and Civil Aviation Policy
ORE 19-48	Civil Aviation Policies of Selected Powers	
ORE 17-48	Soviet Resort to Direct Military Action during 1948 (Special Report of Joint Ad Hoc Committee)	
ORE 22-48	China (Section V and Appendix D)	
SR-8	Iran (Appendix L)	
SR-6	History and Current Status of Claims in Antarctica	
M-1		

C. Coordinated with IAC and in Preparation for Reproduction

ORE 13-48	Current Situation in Austria
M-3	British Proposal for Rectification of Anglo-Italian Somaliland Boundary at Bender Ziada

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SR-15

Italy

SR-13

Austria

SR-8

China (Section III and IV; Appendixes A, B,  
and I)

ORE 27

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ORE 20-48

Long-Range Cereal Grain Prospects in the  
Soviet Union and Satellites

M-2

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**E. Approved by Estimates Group and in Preparation for Coordination  
with IAC**

SR-14

Iceland

**F. Reviewed by Estimates Group and Now in Branch for Revision**

ORE 26

Prospects for a United States of Indonesia

SR-11

Spain

SR-12

Rumania

**G. Under Review by Estimates Group**

SR-21

India

**H. In Preparation by Branches****(1) Carried Over from Preceding Period**

ORE 21-48

World Federation of Trade Unions

ORE 25-48

Effects of Nationalist Movements in Depen-  
dent and Quasi-Dependent Areas on the  
Foreign Policy of the Western Powers

ORE 23-48

Current Situation in Trieste

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ORE 24-48	Strategic Importance of the Ryukyus
ORE 16-48	
ORE 12-48	Chinese Nationalist Hopes for a Compromise Peace
ORE 26-48	World Economic Outlook for 1948
SR-E1	World Tin Situation
SR-13	Arab States
SR-20	

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**(2) Scheduled during March**

**CIA Series:**

World Situation as it Relates to the Security of the United  
States

**ORE Series:**

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Current Situation in Burma
Future of Danube River Navigation and Control
Estimate of Time Interval between Soviet M-Day and D-Day in the Event of Threatened Hostilities
Importance of Scandinavia to the Security of the US
Soviet Activities in the Arab States (includes Palestine)
Future of Middle East Pipelines
Security of Petroleum Installations in the Caribbean Area
Changes in Caribbean Power Balance
Prospects for the Industrialization of South China
Soviet Advantages and Disadvantages in Occupying Western Europe and the Near East

**SR Series:**

Portugal
Bulgaria
Sweden
Turkey (Second Edition)

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M-Series:

Ethiopian-Italian Somaliland Boundary  
Analysis of New Soviet Map of USSR  
Tannu Tuva

I. Projects Deferred or Cancelled

ORE Series:

Communist Activities in Czechoslovakia (cancelled--  
overtaken by events)  
French Military Capabilities in Indochina (cancelled)  
Nationalism in Southeast Asia (cancelled--draft used  
in preparation of ORE 25-48; State Department  
giving this topic good coverage)  
Problems Facing an Independent Burma (deferred--  
developments in Burma call for estimate on current  
situation; see H (2) above)  
Implementing Agreements in the NEI (Scope changed  
and report renamed "Prospects for a United States  
of Indonesia"; see F above)  
Selected Aspects of Economic Capabilities of Countries  
in Soviet Sphere of Influence (scheduling deferred  
since project under continuous preparation in response  
to Munitions Board request)

SR Series:

Belgium and Luxembourg (deferred--will probably be  
combined with a projected SR on the Netherlands and  
be rescheduled as an SR on Benelux)  
World Antimony Situation) ... will be rescheduled when  
World Tungsten Situation) nearer completion

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ANNEX "D"

NON-SCHEDULED STAFF INTELLIGENCE REPORTS PRODUCED  
BY ORE DURING MARCH

A. Eastern Europe/USSR Branch

(1) Participation in Project 51: "To Determine Whether the USSR Will Resort to Direct Military Action Within the Year 1948."

B. Western European Branch

(1) Memorandum for the Director: "Probable Soviet Reaction in Berlin to Western European Talks."

C. Far East/Pacific Branch

(1) Report supplying the Director with current intelligence material to prepare him for a Congressional Committee meeting on China.

(2) White House request: "Soviet Air Strength in the Dairen-Port Arthur Naval Base Area."

D. Economics Group

(1) "Report on Beryllium Situation in the USSR," for N.E.G.

(2) "Special Report on Strategic Mineral Production in Brazil," for N.S.R.B.

(3) "Special Report on Critical Commodities for Interdepartmental Economic Working Committee on Export Control." Participated in work of Committee.

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**ANNEX "E"**

**I. Oral Presentations, Interrogations and Briefings**

**A. Presentations:**

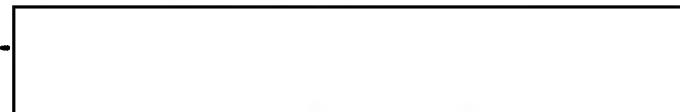
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12 March - Arthur C. Bunce, Economic Advisor to  
the Commanding General, Korea

16 March -

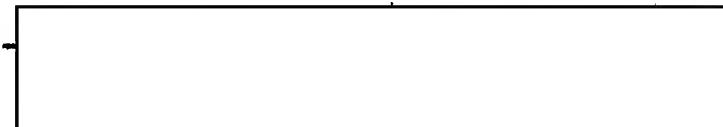


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18 March - George V. Allen, Ambassador, Iran

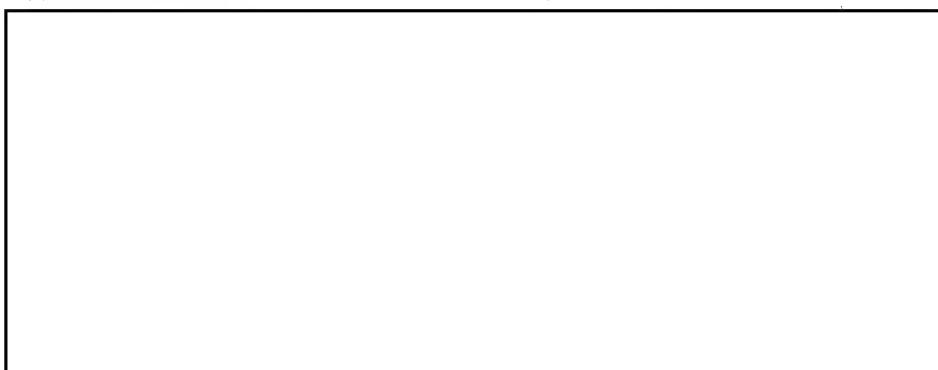
19 March - Admiral Charles M. Cooke, Commander,  
Naval Forces, Western Pacific

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**B. Interrogations:**



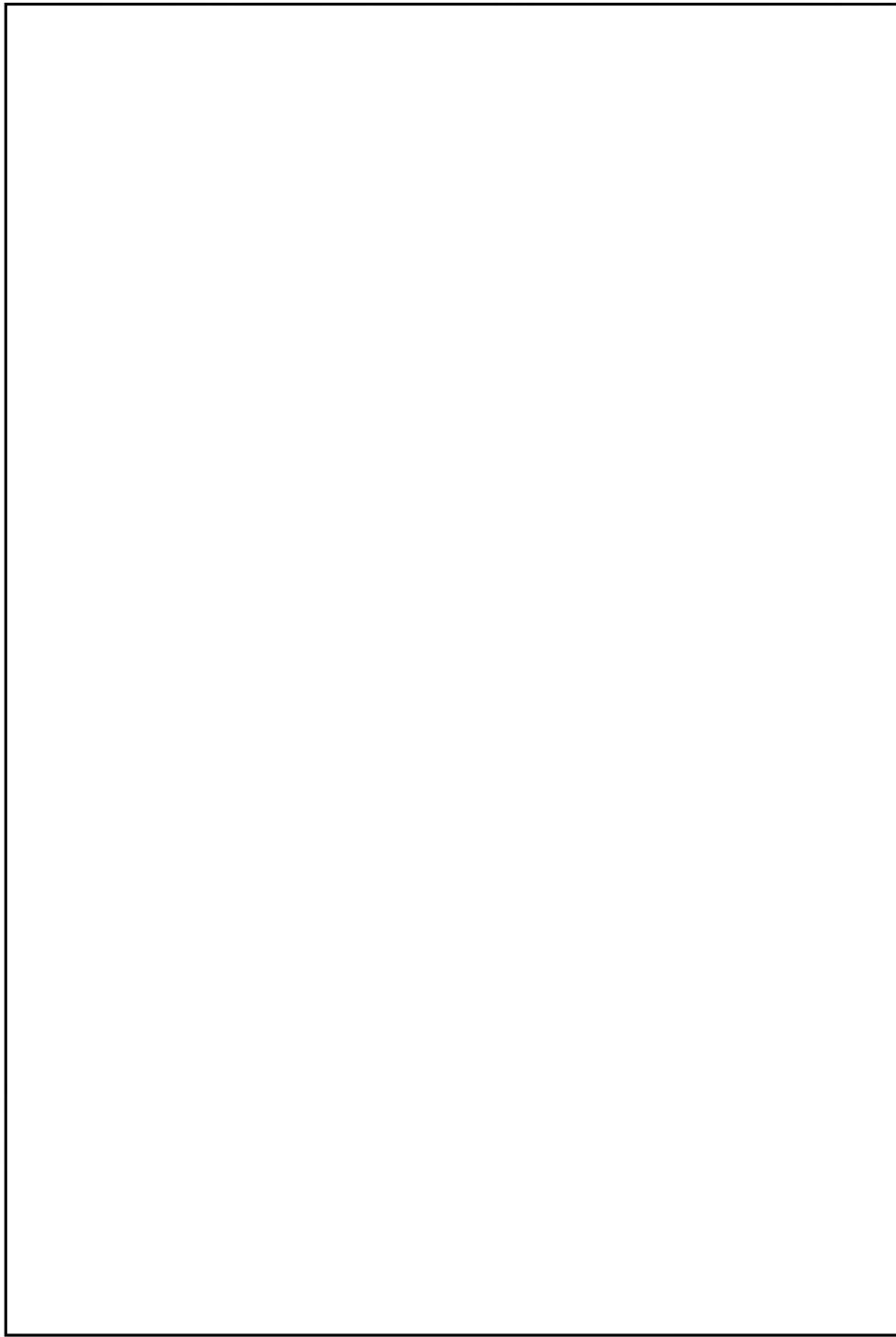
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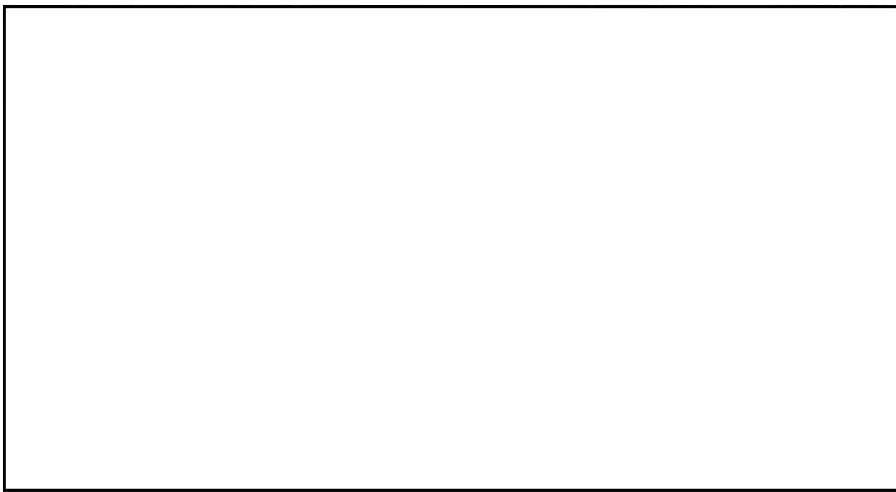
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C. Briefings (Outgoing Personnel):

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**II. Visual Presentations**

**A. Completed**

Ninety charts, graphs and tables brought up to date for the Office of the Director, CIA.

Two large CIA organization charts for the Office of Administration and Management.

Eight large organization charts for the Office of Operations.

One graph for reproduction for the Far East-Pacific Branch, ORE.

One large organization chart for the Office of Collection and Dissemination

One cover for SR-13, ORE.

One chart and cartoon for ORE Security.

One poster for Inspection and Security.

One map of Communications in Liberia for Near East-Africa Branch, ORE.

One graph for reproduction for the Economics Group, ORE.

Prepared wall maps for mounting in various offices of ORE.

Posted air situation of USSR in Situation Room.

Maintained weekly "Headline Boards" for the Director's Meetings during the month.

Provided portable maps, visual charts, graphs and pictures for the Director's meeting during the month.

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Provided graphic aids for five (5) intelligence conferences in Situation Room, including one (1) 16 mm. motion picture presentation.

Numerous miscellaneous small graphic jobs

**B. In Progress**

One cover for SR - Turkey, ORE

Eighteen graphs for Scientific Branch, ORE

Charts, graphs and tables for the Office of the Director, CIA

One cartoon and chart for ORE security.

Preparation of USSR map in Situation Room.

Preparation of portable map on Palestine.

Preparation of civil air routes map for Transportation Group, ORE.

Maintenance of portable map files and charts.

Assisted Reference Center to service ORE requests for special maps.

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## ANNEX "F"

## MAP BRANCH ACTIVITIES

MAPS COMPLETED AND IN REPRODUCTION  
(March, 1948)

		STATUS
9018	Kashmir	C
10278	Globe Cover	C
10420	Miller Map of the World	C
10578	Jehol Province	R
10726	Korea	C
10765	Greek Frontier	C
10798	Greece	C
10825,6	Belgium and Luxembourg SR	R
10827	Belgium SR	C
10853	[REDACTED]	C
10855,6	Italy SR	25X6
10857	Italy: Industrial Employees	R
10867	Palestine SR	C
10868,9	Soviet Activity in Iran (First Revision)	C
10874	AAA Defenses of USSR in East Asia	C
10875	AAA Defenses of USSR in Europe	C
10881	Palestine Partition Boundary	C
10884	Panama SR	C
10894	Hemisphere Defense Area	C
10901	Albania (Color Separation)	C
10902-8	[REDACTED]	25X6
10915-8	H-483	R
10931	China: Communist Controlled Areas 1 March 1948	C
10933,4	Java and Madoera: Population and Ethnic Groups with "Van Mook Line"	C
10935	Sumatra with "Van Mook Line"	R
10937	British Somaliland	R
10938	Komi A.S.S.R.	C
10939	Communist Controlled Areas 19 March 1948	C
10940	Greece and Turkey	C
10941-3	Europe and Far East: Medium and Short Wave Relay Coverage	C
X-1005	Rocket Installations of USSR	C

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**INTELLIGENCE REPORTS COMPLETED  
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M-4 (E483) Map, Chart and Photo Appraisal of Persian Gulf Area  
S-6 Corrections on a Map of British East Africa  
S-7 Status of the Paracel Islands  
S-10 Estimated Area of the 15 Largest Soviet Cities  
S-11 Boundary Between Outer Mongolia and the USSR on  
      AAF Chart 241  
S-14 Evaluation of Greece Map 2 Terrain

**MAP LIBRARY  
(March, 1948)**

	<u>Requests</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Sheets/Volumes</u>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Atlases and other reference materials	--	390	659
<b>Maps:</b>			
a. Made in Map Branch	--	18	12,243
b. From other domestic sources	--	470	1,891
c. From foreign sources*	--	1,215	1,964
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Atlases and other reference materials	106	223	308
Maps:			
a. To CIA	223	833	1,975
b. To Department of State	244	1,137	2,557
c. National Military Establishment			
1. Dept. of the Army	44	325	1,179
2. Dept. of the Navy	16	125	142
3. Dept. of the Air Force	10	43	74
4. Other	11	45	454

\*These do not include materials received in Procurement Section and forwarded to other agencies.

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	<u>Requests</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Sheets/Volumes</u>
d. Other government agencies	44	110	193
e. Foreign Service Posts	12	160	308
f. Foreign agencies (including only materials furnished by Map Br.)	30	827	2,223
g. Other recipients	11	285	324
<u>Geographical reference information</u>	<u>412</u>	--	--
<u>Processing</u>			
Publishers' catalogs listed	--	6	6
Atlases shelf-listed	--	5	12
Reference works classified	--	91	108
Reference works cataloged	--	21	28
Maps classified and cataloged	--	730	987
Set maps indexed	--	16	1,478

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**SECRET****ANNEX "G"****REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Forms</u>	<u>Specific Request</u>	<u>Docu- ments</u>	<u>Intelli- gence</u>	<u>Trans- lations</u>
Eastern Europe	46	47	47	0	0
Far East/Pacific	95	105	40	65	0
Latin American	22	42	40	2	0
Near East-Africa	9	45	45	0	0
Northern	14	19	19	0	0
Western Europe	26	56	18	38	0
Transportation	1	1	1	0	0
Economics Group	18	112	112	0	0
Scientific	23	65	39	3	23
Plans & Policy	20	20	0	20	0
Air Forces	1	1	1	0	0
Map Branch	1*				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>23</b>

\* No record of specific request as no copy was received in Information Control.

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